



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

9:30AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping at Trinity this morning! If this is your first time to worship with us, we are especially glad you are here and hope you will come again. Please know whatever your tradition, we want you to make yourself at home and participate in the service as you are moved. We also invite you to complete the “Hey There” Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate so we may greet you personally.

Children are always welcome in worship here. However, we do have a staffed nursery directly below the sanctuary if that feels like a better fit for your family. An activity cart is located at the back for older children, as well as a Worship Guide. If you are curious about any part of our service, please feel free to ask questions! We enjoy sharing the meaning of what we are doing in our worship.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in **bold print**. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the *). Unless otherwise indicated, we sing from the blue Hymnal.

During the Season of Lent, please observe silence as you prepare for worship.

Prelude

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 398

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

****Salutation***

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. His mercy endures forever.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel as you are able.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Triasagion S102

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

****Collect of the Day***

God with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹“The days are surely coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the LORD. ³³“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the LORD: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the LORD; “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:9-16

Spoken

⁹How shall a young man cleanse his way? *

By keeping to your words.

¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you; *

let me not stray from your commandments.

¹¹I treasure your promise in my heart, *

that I may not sin against you.

¹²Blessed are you, O LORD; *

instruct me in your statutes.

¹³With my lips I recite *

all the judgments of your mouth.

¹⁴I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *

than in all manner of riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on your commandments *

and give attention to your ways.

¹⁶My delight is in your statutes; *

I will not forget your word.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gradual Hymn 152**

Kind Master of the World, O Hear the Fervant Prayer

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Alan Dennis

***The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

****Prayers of the People***

We come before our loving and gracious God, asking that God's grace and love be kindled in our hearts and spoken on our lips.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

that we may do your will as we praise your name. We pray for our spiritual leaders, that they may speak your truth and call your people into deeper discipleship.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

that we may support the leadership of this nation in the pursuit of peace and justice for all people.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

that with compassion we may respond to the needs of the world, neighbors near and far.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

that we may speak comfort to those who suffer in any way and offer hope to those who grieve. We pray for Arlene, Maureen, Janet, Rick, Marie, Jennifer, Joyce, Jacky, Gail, Alveta, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Daniel, Elaine, Judy, Cheryl, Shirley, Dan, Brian, Barbara, Lucille, JM, Marie, Erin, Jean, Thomas, Matt, Eric.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

that we may live your truth in our lives as we confess your truth with our lips. Today, we pray for the parishes of All Saints', Ivoryton; St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock, and the Church in Wales. We also pray for Bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees, and their families.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

That our lives may be blessed by the memories of our loved ones now gathered home to your eternal embrace.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

All this we ask, O Lord, in Jesus's name, the one who lived and moved among us in our broken world, and who loves us still. **Amen.**

****Peace***

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

*Please consider giving generously to Trinity to help support our ministries.
You can place an offering in the basket, use the QR code, or visit our website.
www.trinitynewtownct.org*



Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Music Be Thou My Vision

**Irish Trad. Tune by St. Dallán
(d.598), arr. Edward Tipton**

Doxology 380

*Great Thanksgiving

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant prays an appropriate preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S 124

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S156

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

May we become what we receive.

Communion

If you prefer not to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. If you need communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher. Please indicate at the rail if you require a gluten-free wafer. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. If you prefer, we invite you to pray in spiritual communion.

Gen 6:5-7

The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. So the Lord said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.

Sometimes in life we wonder if we are God's mistake. Sometimes we see the aftermath of destruction and devastation, and we wonder why. Sometimes we are called to carry out what seems to be God's work but it is lonely and empty and we are confused and filled with doubt. Sometimes in the middle of times of desolation, isolation, and uncertainty we simply feel Adrift.

This is the prayer of Noah. – Samuel Grummons

O the cursed lie drifting o'er the ocean, and the gasps of the drowning still ring in my ear. O Father tell us, do you regret your children or are we drifting alone in your tears?

Oh the waves roll the chill of the winter is nigh. And the judgement that covers the world young and fair is heaving its sorrowful sigh. And now, the wine that ran plenty and full has dried to the last of its dregs. All alone and afloat o'r the grave under deep and I'm stumblin' on faltering legs.

O the skies grey and formless roar with silence and the waters of chaos do swirl over deep. O Father tell us, was it worth starting over or does our blindness doom us to repeat? Far the ravens fly searching for hope yet hardly a twig is in sight. And the doves, they grow restless and the serpents unsure, will the world ever heal from its blight. Yes hope, you cling to me with visions of hues that cut through the cold and the grey! That the Maker who drowned all our hatred and strife might bathe us in mercy someday!

O the cursed lie drifting o'er the ocean, and the gasps of the drowning still ring in my ear. O Father please don't regret all your children, as we drift here alone in your tears.

Postcommunion Prayer

Please kneel as you are able.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Solemn Prayer Over the People

Bow down before God. Grant, most merciful God, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

****Closing Hymn 370***

(Verses 1, 2, 6 & 7)

***I Bind Unto Myself Today the Strong Name of the Trinity
St. Patrick's Breastplate***

****Dismissal***

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude

Our service of worship is now over. Our worship through service now begins.

“BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.”

PSALM 46:10

**Lenten Prayer Gatherings
Thursday Evenings in Lent
6:00 – 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary**

Beloved Ones,

We invite you to gather for mid-week opportunities for prayer during the reflective season of Lent. We will alternate between meditative Centering Prayer and a simple service of Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer offered.

Centering Prayer is an opportunity to listen quietly for God; your leader will guide those who attend – no prior experience needed. As part of the Eucharist, Healing Prayer is offered for any who wish for a confidential prayer with the Priest, with a blessing with holy oil.

We will gather from 6:00 - 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary. Come as you are. Stay and sing with the Choir if you'd like as their rehearsal is at 7:00 PM!

Thursday February 22 - Centering Prayer

Thursday February 29 - Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer

Thursday March 7 - Centering Prayer

Thursday March 14 - Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer

Thursday March 21 - Centering Prayer



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Today at Trinity

Presider:	The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt
Crucifer:	Tristan Filiato
Lectors:	Ellen Melville, Patrick DeBrock
Intercessor:	Bob Gardner
Minister of Communion:	Joan King, Laura Main
Ushers:	Joe Bojnowski, Rebecca Merrick
Trinity Driving:	Erin Lutz
Coffee Hour:	Marcia DeBrock
Tech Guild:	Nancy Cole, Chuck Wyatt
Altar Guild:	All Teams
Pianist:	Jennifer Sisco
Organist:	Judy Novacek
Nursery Assistant:	Nathaniel Grummons
The Little Pantry:	Laurie Trotto, Amy Dent

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